

AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings

Please replace Figures 1 and 2 with replacement Figures 1-2 and please add new Figure 3. Replacement Figures 1-2 and new Figure 3 is attached as Exhibit 1 hereto. (An annotated marked-up copy of the amended drawings is being provided for the convenience of the Examiner and is attached as Exhibit 2 hereto).

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following new paragraph:

[0011.1] Figure 3 is a schematic diagram of an alternate embodiment of the apparatus shown in Figure 2 wherein the vertical section of the conveyor is a bucket elevator.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0021] In an alternate embodiment according to the present invention, the vertical section 18 of the conveyor 14 is disposed completely outside of the bulk material tank 12, as shown in Figure 2. In this embodiment, the metering hopper 24 is disposed above the rest of the bulk material tank 12, so that the dry powder or granular material is permitted to overflow into the main portion of the tank. In this embodiment, the top of the bulk material tank 12 housing has a raised section for accommodating the hopper 24. This design permits the bulk material tank 12 to be filled virtually to the top and, thus maximize the storage capacity of the tank, while at the same time achieving the benefits of the present invention. In an alternate embodiment of the one shown in Figure 2, the vertical section 18 of the conveyor 14 is a bucket elevator rather than an auger-type conveyor, as shown in Figure 3.